

REMARKS

In accordance with the forgoing, claim 4 has been amended, claims 2 and 3 have been canceled, and new claim 6 has been added. It is noted that the features of canceled claims 2 and 3 are substantially incorporated into amended claim 4. Therefore, after entry of the forging claim amendments, claims 4 and 6 will be pending and under examination. No new matter is being presented, and approval of the amended and new claims is respectfully requested.

The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 2-4 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Yamada et al. (U.S. 2004/052504) (hereinafter "Yamada") in view of Mori (JP 402252154), and further in view of Davidsson (U.S. 2003/0086694). Claims 2-3 are canceled herein; however, features thereof are substantially incorporated into amended claim 4. The rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. The following is a comparison between embodiments of the present invention and the cited art.

Independent claim 4, as amended, recites that upon determining presence of a plurality of timer video recording cods, the video recording reservation is allowed to be confirmed by a user by sequentially displaying information required for the video recording reservation based on each timer video recording code.

On page 4 of the final Action, the Examiner states that Mori discloses these features. The Examiner's rationale is based on Mori's teaching of controlling a CRT to display the plurality of codes that were determined by the computer 13, and that the user has the ability to verify the plurality of codes that were entered and therefore initiates a recording reservation.

Mori merely discusses that the computer 13 grasps the contents of the picture recording reservation designated in the handwritten characters by the user and gives an instruction to a CRT controller 10 to display the contents of the picture recording reservation on a TV screen. (Abstract). However, Mori makes no mention of, upon determining presence of a plurality of timer video

recording codes, the video recording reservation is allowed to be confirmed by a user by sequentially displaying information required for the video recording reservation based on each timer video recording code, as recited in claim 4.

In fact, the cited portion of Mori does not even suggest determining presence of *a plurality of timer video recording codes*. Instead, Mori merely discloses displaying the contents of a single recording reservation. As a result, Mori cannot teach or suggest confirming the video recording reservation by sequentially displaying information required for the video recording reservation *based on each timer video recording code*.

As an exemplary advantage to embodiments of the present invention, a character recognition process can determine the presence of a plurality of timer video recording codes, and the user can confirm the reservation, based on each timer video recording code. (See e.g., paragraphs [0021]-[0022] of the present specification).

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 4 patentably distinguishes over Mori. Applicant notes that Yamada and Davidsson fail to cure the deficiencies of Mori described above.

Since the Examiner has failed to cite any reference teaching or even suggesting the foregoing features, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the final Action, and an immediate Notice of Allowance.

New Claim 6

New independent claim 6 recites features substantially similar to those described above with respect to claim 4 and, thus, the foregoing remarks are hereby submitted for claim 6 as well. It is respectfully submitted that claim 6 is in immediate condition for allowance for at least the reasons presented herein.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 278542008400. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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